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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

REFS: (A) MANAMA 662 (B) MANAMA 670

1. WE HAVE TAKEN A HARD LOOK AT MIDEASTFOR/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROBLEM IN LIGHT OF REFTTEL (A) BUT HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION THAT WE ARE NOT IN POSITION USE FY 75 FUNDS TO BEGIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN BAHRAIN WITHOUT CONCLUSION OF MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS. FYI: IN OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH LEADERS ON THE HILL LAST OCTOBER WHEN WE THOUGHT MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE COMPLETED DURING THIS FY, WE POINTED TO THE SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. APPROVAL GIVEN BY LEADERSHIP FOR USE OF FY 75 FUNDS, IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR BAHRAIN PROGRAM WAS ON BASIS THAT MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE COMPLETED. LINKAGE WAS CLEAR ALTHOUGH NOT SECRET

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FORMAL. END FYI.

2. IN YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH GOB FOREIGN MINISTER, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE REGRET UNABLE TO BEGIN TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOW (FROM FY 75 FUNDS) BECAUSE INSTITUTION OF THIS SPECIAL NEW PROGRAM LINKED IN MINDS OF CONGRESSMEN WITH MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, GOB

SHOULD BE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS INCLUDED FUNDS FOR BAHRAIN TA PROGRAM IN 1976 FOREIGN AID BUDGET REQUEST. THIS REQUEST IS MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD, AND COULD BE ALLUDED TO BY GOB IF IT THOUGHT USEFUL IN DESCRIBING GOOD STATE OF BAHRAIN-US RELATIONS TO PERTINENT AUDIENCES. MEANWHILE WE LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY CONCLUSION OF OUR MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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